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of the 15 Army Group, accompanied by Soviet adviser Shen-so-tan-fu (申索坦夫) and staff officers HSI Yao-hui (洗耀輝) and WU Tsai-chin (吳在勤), arrived in Canton from Hankow. On 2 August they called on YEH Chien-ying and HUNG Hsueh-chih (洪學智), Deputy Commander of the Kwangtung Military District.*

2. WU received the following information from members of the Canton Military Control Commission: After a conference between MAO Tse-tung and a Soviet committee member (Wei Yuan -委員) in Mukden in early July, the Communists gained Soviet support for positive preparation for the invasion of Taiwan. The USSR would also attempt to gain Communist China a seat in the United Nations. Should the latter move fail, the Taiwan invasion would be launched immediately, regardless of heavy sacrifice and U.S. intervention.

3. On 30 July TENG Hua, commander of the 15 Army Group, was called from Canton to Hankow by a cable from LIN Piao. The Kwangtung Military District Command indicated that LIN had received an order from CHU Teh to transfer five armies of the 4 Field Army, which are assembled in Hankow, and two armies of the 14 Army Group, which are massed along the Indochina border, to Fukien to assist the 3 Field Army in the Taiwan invasion in mid-August. LIN considers TENG Hua the best general in amphibious warfare, and wants him to be responsible for direction of the Taiwan invasion. LIN himself is planning to remain in Hankow.**

4. On 31 July, 2,000 men of the 148 Division, 49 Army,*** moved to Canton from Kaining (112-31, 22-31). On the morning of 1 August, 4,000 men of the 115 Division, 30 Army,*** moved from Wuchou to Canton. On 2 August both groups left for Hankow.

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a. The 148 Division is under the 50 Army; the 49 Army comprises the 145, 146 and 147 Divisions.

b. The 115 Division is under the 39 Army; the 38 Army comprises the 112, 113 and 114 Divisions.

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